

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

\_\_\_\_\_Clay County\_\_\_\_\_District FY09 EQIP

## 1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

*Surface and Ground Water Quality*  
*Wind and Water Erosion*  
*Wildlife Habitat*  
*Gully Erosion*  
*Impaired Water Bodies*  
*Overland Flooding*  
*Prescribed Grazing*  
*Feedlots*  
*Air Quality*

## 2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

*Wild Rice River South Branch Watershed-more upland treatments*  
*Comstock Creek Watershed-more upland treatments*  
*Clay County-more practices with a lifespan of 11 years or greater*  
*Clay County-more practices used within approved well head protection areas*  
*Clay County-Closure of Waste Impoundments on old abandon ag. waste pits*  
*Clay County-to improve pasture thru prescribed grazing*  
*Clay County-to improve wildlife habitat thru management practices and grass plantings*  
*Clay County-to improve water quality for streams and lake with more upland treatments*  
*Clay County-more tree practices*  
*Clay County-address feedlot pollution*

## 3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum for 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

*Applications for wind and water erosions*

*Applications for Wild Rice River South Branch Watershed and Comstock Creek Watershed*

*Applications for practices with a lifespan of 11 years or greater*

*Applications for water quality practices within approved well head protection areas*

*Applications for improving wildlife habitat with the following practices: Prescribed Burning (338), Fish Stream Improvement (395), Restoration and Management of Declining Habitat (643), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Early Successional Habitat Development (647), Wetland Restorations (647), and Invasive Plant Species Pest Management (797)*

*Applications for water quality and erosion practices within zero to one mile of a permanent or intermittent stream and lakes*

*Applications for practice Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)*

*Applications for practices Waste Storage Facility (313), Anaerobic Digester Controlled Temperature (366), Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (100), Waste Facility Cover (367), Wastewater Treatment (629), and Wastewater Treatment Strip (635)*

**4. Develop a minimum for 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.**

*Soil Erosion – the application will install practices to reduce soil erosion by 5 or more tons/acre/year. 15 points.*

*Practices Lifespan – the application will install at least one practice with a lifespan of 11 years or more. 10 points.*

*Watershed – the application will install erosion and water quality improvement practices in the Comstock Creek Watershed or with the Wild Rice River South Branch Watershed. 10 points.*

*Wellhead Protection – the application will install water quality practices within an Approved wellhead protection area. 9 points.*

*Wildlife Habitat – the application will install one of the practices: 338, 395, 643, 645, 647, 657, and 797. 3 points.*

*Windbreaks – the application will install the practice Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380). 4 points.*

*Water Quality – the application will install the practices 313, 366, 100, 367, 629, and 635. 4 points.*

*Water Quality – the application will install erosion and water quality practices within zero to one mile of a permanent or intermittent stream and lake. 4 points.*

*All concerns – the application will install practices to address at least one national priority concern. 1 point.*

5. Assign points to the questions in item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.
6. Submit this worksheet to you respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local issues section of the ranking tool.
7. List any recommended practices to be deleted form the state Conservation Practices Payment Document.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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